

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

March 8, 2016 – 5:30 PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Dave Coady, Gary Carlson, Matthew Wolff, Robert McCarthy, Vickie Krueger

Absent: Alderman Karen Elyea, Jeffery Kirk

Staff: Andrew Pieri

Other: Donald & Susan Thomas

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chairman Dave Coady

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

5 members present and 2 are absent – Quorum.

Public Hearing:

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **APPROVE** the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Robert McCarthy and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Request for Opinion – 910 Second Avenue (Freeman School)

Donald and Susan Thomas are the owners of the old Freeman School. They are looking to sell the building. They recently had a portion of the overhang that was so rotted that they had it removed. They just placed a board over the opening to protect the rest of the overhang and said if they did something wrong, they apologize. They are hoping now that they have the building up for sale that the future owner would restore this and obtain Commission approval if needed. They provided a written history of the building and the land it occupies. Extensive conversations took place regarding the building, landscaping and existing signage. The Commission provided guidance on what Donald and Susan Thomas could and could not do without Commission approval. Gary Carlson suggested the best uses of the building are office and perhaps residential. The Commission suggested they discuss their marketing plans with a local architect that specializes in historic preservation and perhaps discuss plans with the Community and Economic Development Director Todd Cagnoni. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas thanked the Commission for their time and guidance on how to move forward. Since there was no specific request, no vote was taken.

Communication and staff report:

None

Adjournment:

With no other business Matthew Wolff made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Submitted by Scott Capovilla – Historic Preservation Commission Interim Secretary*

*Please note these meeting minutes were prepared by and are based on the Interim Secretary listening to the audio tapes since the written minutes were not prepared by the former HPC Secretary.